

THE DIGITAL DISPATCH

TEAM NEWSLETTER



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The Toll Brothers Donation

On Monday April 22, the Toll Brothers arrived to K1 for a very special announcement. They came to present our team with a donation of \$5,000! First, our presidents showed the Toll Brothers representatives around the shop. Jade and Alison explained our FIRST and VEX competitions to them, and demonstrated our robot, Patty the Pathologist's, abilities. Afterwards, the Toll Brothers presented the donation to the entire team with a big complimentary check. We took photos with them and the check to commemorate the significant event. Thank you so much, Toll Brothers!

VEX WORLDS

An extraordinary end to an extraordinary season.

tuesday

On Tuesday, April 26th, ten of the 'Dox woke up bright and early (at the wonderful hour of 4 am) to travel to Louisville, Kentucky for the VEX Robotics World Championship! Although it had been a long day of traveling, layovers (in Houston), and running around various airports, the team could not have been more excited to land in Kentucky. This was the beginning of a week filled with fun, accomplishments, robots, and team bonding.

wednesday

Wednesday morning was the first day and as the 'Dox went to brunch we discussed the game plan for the coming days, as 599C prepared themselves for the toughest competition they've ever faced. With the team at the practice field 24/7 and scouting going all over the pit getting team information, the first day was filled with a lot of hustle and bustle. The energy in the Kentucky Exposition Center was high as teams filled the pits, and robots filled the fields.

thursday

Thursday was opening ceremonies and the first steps in Freedom Hall revealed an awesome stadium packed to the brim with students from all over the world. The parade of nations soon took place and they soon officially kicked off VEX Worlds with a bang. Throughout the day 599C played their first qualifying matches as well as perfecting autonomous modes, talking to judges, and meeting other teams.



friday

The following day was all qualifying matches, meaning everyone was kept busy throughout the day. Like Thursday, 599C got the opportunity to talk to 2 more sets of judges about their autonomous functions as well as getting to look around Exposition Center. There was hustle and bustle everywhere you looked and teams were dressed up in the best costumes you could imagine. As 599C played their last matches and did their skills challenge, they fixed their connectivity issues and could now perform to the best of their ability. By the end of the day, everyone had some new VEX worlds merch on and were excited for playoffs tomorrow, as it would be the last day of competition. The day concluded with an unexpected trip to the movie theatre to see Avengers: Endgame (shoutout to Mr. Beal)!

saturday

Saturday had been the day everyone had been waiting for, and it was filled a major turn of events, celebrations, and memories. The first half of the day was spent on the last of the qualifying matches, and although unfortunately 599C did not make it to the Math Division playoffs, their morale would be turned upside down just a few moments later. As the Math Division playoffs concluded, the division awards were handed out and the Think Award (an award for the team with an exceptional programming and autonomous function) was handed out to none other than our very own 599C! In a matter of seconds, everyone was in disbelief as a V4 robot had pulled through and snagged the award. Soon, everyone crowded over to Freedom Hall to see the Round Robin and finals. It was a nailbiter as in the finals one team got disqualified score, but it was an incredible last match for Turning Point. The anticipation wasn't over yet as the much awaited game reveal followed shortly after. After months of waiting, Tower Takeover was finally announced, making the energy in the stadium even more electrifying. The night ended with some much need down time at Kentucky Kingdom. Everyone bonded over crazy roller coasters, fun (yet confusing) games, midnight runs through the park, late night ice cream, and lots of laughs. It was a truly incredible end to an unforgettable trip, and an even more unforgettable season.

Worlds 2019

VEX Worlds Gallery



Showing some 'Dox
Pride @ VEX Worlds

599c right
after
matches!



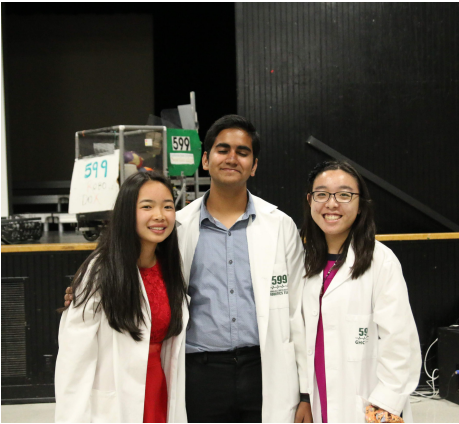
Traditional
team picture
in front of the
Expo Center

Meet the *NEW* Team Executives!

Large and In Charge.

Presidents

Alison & Saksham



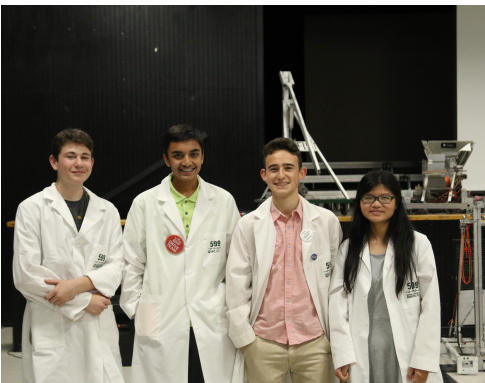
Treasury

Amanda & Nika



Outreach

Winnie & Elliot



Events

Gaby & Nick



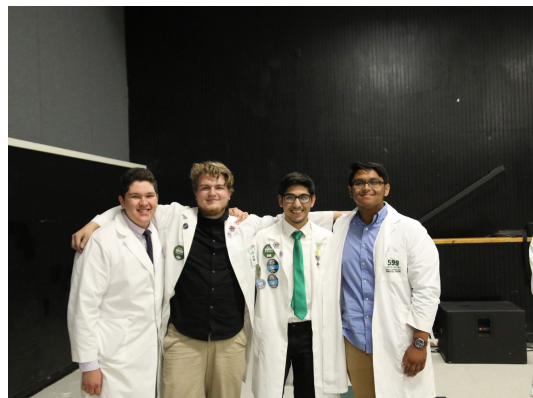
Public Relations

Silvina & Naveed



Operations

Adrian & Mo



Executive Elections

This year, in a surprising turn of events, only the Public Relations executive positions were contested, with five of the PR apprentices in the running: Silvina, Naveed, Anita, Bao-An, and Niko. Each of them gave wonderful and captivating speeches about why they decided to run and their plans to make next year great.

After speeches and a Q&A session, and some subtle roasts, voting had begun. Everyone was anticipating the election and as the new executives were announced, Toll Brothers just happened to walk in with a surprise (read below). But in the end, all of the apprentices were proud of one another and planned to commit again next year. All our old executives will be missed, but we couldn't be more excited for what our new executives have in store for us.

Above are all the new executives, congrats!

Banquet 2019

As the year rapidly came to a close, our team celebrated all of our hard work at the annual robotics banquet! We dedicated the night to our seniors and commemorated all of our victories, achievements, and successes. The evening started out with the presidents awarding each student with two superlatives. The rewards described them and their work throughout the year. Next, PR's new executives and apprentices presented the mentor and senior gifts. The mentors were gifted with a robotics tote bag, filled with appreciation letters and a framed photo of the team. The seniors also received a framed photo inside an official Robodex drawstring bag.

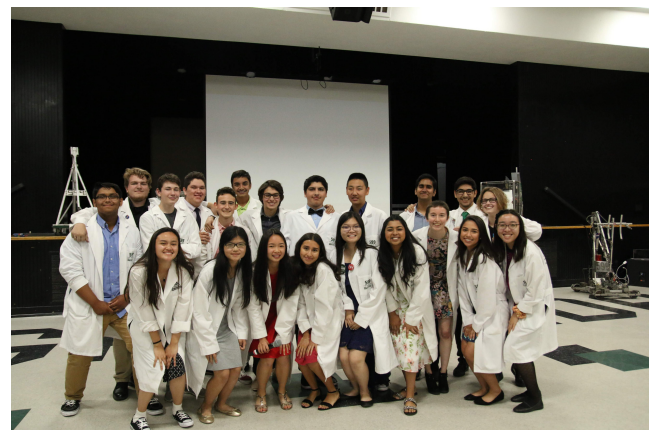
We reminisced all of the memories made this year with an outstanding slideshow filled with fun moments and a video with interviews from every member of the team. Finally, the rookies sang a song to the seniors, thanking them for dedicating their high school years to the team. The song started with the beginning of "Old Town Road," but transitioned to the song "All Star" by Smash Mouth. Almost none of the rookies knew the lyrics of "All Star," making the performance hilarious and entertaining, but somehow Oszkar got a hold of the mic and became the real All Star. Overall, we took tons of photos, had lots of laughs, and made many new memories. As our rookies become veterans and our seniors go off college, it ended our last night all together perfectly.

VEX Kickoff

Another year, another game, another kickoff! Recently at VEX Worlds the game for the upcoming 2019-2020 season was revealed, causing some excitement within the VEX community, and what better way to celebrate than with kickoff. This year's kickoff was handled by none other than our new VEX managers, Qusai and Nathaniel, who set up discussion panels and brainstorm sessions.

The new game for this year is Tower Takeover, which involves stacking cubes of varying colors, as well as placing them in towers which increase their value. Throughout kickoff, members both of VEX and FRC participated in an overview of the game manual, while establishing some basic strategies for the game. The new VEX teams were ready and brainstorming as they began planning for their robots and getting excited for the new game. The day concluded successfully and is a good start to the new season.

Making robots means making memories



A Final Farewell

To our seniors:

Throughout your journey here, you've imparted so much wisdom and knowledge to both rookies and veterans alike. You are a crucial aspect of this team and help keep everyone in check. Without you, we would not be able to continue on. Thank you for all the laughs, memories, and lessons you've given us. We wish you the best of luck as you go onto college, and make sure to visit! We're proud to call you an official alumni. Once a Doc, always a Doc.



To returning members:

It has been a truly excellent season and we can't wait to go even farther next year. We look forward to the coming year and the memories we'll make.

We're glad to have a team like you. See you next semester!

"Goodnight Doc." - Mr. King

